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1. On 17 May 1955, the Officer Candidate School on Strasse der Befreiung (formerly Bahnhofstrasse) at Doebeln, was attended by about 500 students. Officer candidates seen wore red, blue, red-bordered black, yellow-bordered black and red-bordered dark green collar patches.
2. Between 13 June and 11 July, the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne at Potsdam quartered 200 to 250 KVP personnel. Details of officer candidates in the strength of up to four platoons were observed doing **drills**, participating in **sports**, and firing practices. On 7 July, a detail of 32 captains and senior lieutenants, who wore various service colors, were seen entering the installation. They returned with heavy machine guns from firing practices. The KVP officer stated that a special course for officers of various branches of service was being given at the installation.<sup>1</sup>
3. In June, it was learned that courses for transportation officers were allegedly being held at the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne at Potsdam as well as at Gera, Chemnitz (Karl-Marx-Stadt), Dresden and other places. The **number** of students attending these courses varied between 15 and 25. The students were familiar with the techniques of railroad construction and underground construction work. Captain Neuhaus of the KVP Section of the Ministry of Interior read papers on the following subjects at Gera and Chemnitz:
  - a) Hydraulic Engineering
  - b) Port Construction and Management
  - c) The Importance of Shipping in the Field of Traffic
  - d) Security on Water Ways
  - e) Shipbuilding and Shipyards.<sup>1</sup>
4. At about 2000 on 13 June, eight empty boxcars and 35 empty flatcars were seen at Oranienburg railroad station. Ten soldiers who carried field

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14. In late May, it was learned that the **medical faculty** of Greifswald University was to be converted into a military academy for KVP medical personnel. At the same time, efforts were made to induce medical students at various East German universities to volunteer for the KVP and to complete their medical studies at Greifswald.<sup>6</sup> 25X1
15. In June, the following courses were being given at the tank repair shop at Neubrandenburg, the chief of which was Lieutenant Colonel Bernöt: 25X1
- a) From 1 through 30 June, about 15 officers were trained as ordnance officers under supervision of Senior Lieutenant Peters who had come from a unit in the Eggesin area.
  - b) In mid-June, a seven-day course was given to some officers. The course was held by one Captain Thiele, who had been detached from an ordnance officer course given at the KVP School in Erfurt.
  - c) From mid to late June, about 100 officer candidates of the KVP School at Erfurt were given instruction in practical maintenance work on tanks. The students of this course were quartered in tents on Lake Tollense.
1. Comment. The training of transportation officers at the KVP Motor Vehicle School located in the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne at Potsdam was known previously. Information on the other courses mentioned was received for the first time. The KVP apparently intends to train a large number of officers scheduled to function as transportation officers in the quickest possible time in the field of water traffic. 25X1
2. Comment. It appears that a rail shipment of the AAA School at Oranienburg arrived at Oranienburg en route from Kuehlungsborn on the morning of 15 July. The rail shipment observed on the evening of 15 July may either have been a second such shipment returning from Kuehlungsborn to the AAA School at Oranienburg or a shipment of the AAA instruction regiment in Straussberg. 25X1
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4. Comment. Elements of the SP Gun School at Grossenhain probably moved to a training camp. 25X1
5. Comment. Both violet and light-red service colors are worn by members of Sfs units. 25X1
6. Comment. Similar information was obtained in April 1955. 25X1

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bags and wore red-bordered black epaulets were seen marching to the railroad cars. [redacted] the officers of the Artillery School were to be recalled from leave since the firing practices at the Kuehlungsborn firing range were to begin sooner than originally scheduled. At 0300 on 14 June, the loading ramp at the railroad station was cordoned off by fully-armed KVP soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Noises made by motor vehicles indicated that an entraining operation was going on. On 15 June, Oranienburg Castle was allegedly occupied by a rear detail. It was learned that the unit stationed at the installation was scheduled to return on 15 July.

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5. On 12 June, a KVP officer stationed at Oranienburg Castle stated that the unit quartered at the installation was to leave by rail for Kuehlungsborn in the night of 13/14 June.
6. At 0830 on 14 June, a rail shipment consisting of various boxcars and a number of flatcars loaded with 4 or 5 heavy and 2 light AA guns was seen proceeding from Oranienburg toward Kremmen.
7. During the night of 13/14 June, the bulk of the unit stationed at Oranienburg Castle departed. About 150 men remained at the installation. On the morning of 15 July, about 20 trucks and 5 field kitchens were seen at the gate of the castle. KVP soldiers lined up in the yard of the installation were informed about the quarters they were to occupy. On 16 July, approximately 300 men were seen doing clearing up work at the installation. Training activities by about 180 KVP soldiers were again seen for the first time on 18 July.<sup>2</sup>
8. A train without locomotive observed at the Oranienburg freight station about 1800 on 15 July was loaded with 4 x 85-mm and 8 x 37-mm AA guns, 12 to 15 trucks, and 2 field kitchens. The train also included 5 boxcars loaded with personnel, 3 boxcars probably loaded with ammunition and equipment, and 1 passenger car loaded with officers. Railroadmen were seen labelling the individual cars of the train.<sup>2</sup>
9. On 11 June, the Reil Kaserne in Halle appeared to be only lightly occupied. Soldiers seen there wore yellow-bordered black epaulets. No training activities were noticed at the installation.<sup>3</sup>
10. On 6 and 7 June, 23 tanks, some of them on IS chassis, about 200 KVP personnel, and 3 trucks were entrained at Grossenhain.
11. The engineer training area on the Elbe River 5 km east of Rosslau (opposite Schlangengrube) was occupied on 22 June. A total of 25 eight-man tents and 15 four-man tents were seen. Rowing was practiced on the Elbe River with a number of two different types of pontoons. Another tent camp consisting of 30 four-man tents was seen 300 meters east of the former camp. Four small motor boats were seen practicing on the Elbe River. The soldiers observed in the two tent camps wore blue-bordered black epaulets.
12. On 15 July, the installation on Junkerstrasse in Dessau allegedly quartered six companies which were in the strength of up to 120 men. One of these companies was called a cadre company. Two companies each were rotated to the engineer training area opposite Schlangengrube.
13. On 20 July, KVP personnel who wore violet service color and who were SED members of medium age groups attended a 4 to 6 month training course at the Naumburg KVP School.<sup>2</sup>

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